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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Designation of [] as CIA
Representative to Assist Mr. Peter A.
Gerardi, Member of Staff of House Committee
on Science and Astronautics

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REFERENCE: DD/S&T Memorandum, dated 13 July 1965,
Same Subject

1. I am forwarding a Memorandum for the Record concerning a meeting between a member of my staff and Mr. Peter A. Gerardi on the Committee's recent request to us for assistance in preparing a staff study on foreign space efforts.

2. As you are aware, our policy in dealing with committees of the Congress is that we are prepared to offer whatever assistance we can subject, of course, to security considerations and the primacy of the four subcommittees which deal continually and directly with CIA matters. Technically, the Science and Astronautics Committee has general jurisdiction to investigate the area proposed in the staff study. However, it is also clear that a point may be reached where the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee obtains. The possible jurisdictional problem is one for the House itself to decide and not the Agency. (See attached statement concerning the jurisdiction of the two Committees.)

3. It appears to me that it is too early to determine whether we will have to go so far as to clear Mr. Gerardi for TKH. Hopefully, we may be able to satisfy his interests by providing information at a lower

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level. To date, the release of TKH material has been limited to members of our Subcommittees and selected staff members of those Subcommittees. In our dealings with the Science and Astronautics Committee, we have not gone beyond the Top Secret level. Therefore, if and when it is determined that Mr. Gerardi's depth of interest in connection with the proposed study goes into the TKH area, I would be reluctant to recommend that we accede to his request without first alerting our four Subcommittees to resolve any technical jurisdictional problems this may pose and secondly obtaining a policy go ahead from the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence as you suggest.

4. Another problem you have raised with respect to this proposed study relates to the need for coordination within the Community on what is released to Mr. Gerardi, and I would hope that your substantive people in this area can assure that such coordination is accomplished.

5. In view of your designation of [] as the Agency representative assigned the task of consulting with Mr. Gerardi and believing that it is well that a member of the Office of Legislative Counsel be closely in touch with this matter until it is fully developed and working smoothly, I recommend that [] see Mr. Gerardi and that preparatory to such a meeting, [] identify what material, if any, could be made available for Mr. Gerardi's use at a level below TKH but at a level above Missiles and Rockets.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

Attachments:

- a. Jurisdiction of Committee on Science and Astronautics
- b. Jurisdiction of Committee on Armed Services
- c. Memorandum for the Record, dated 15 July 1965

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS

The standing rules for the Committee on Science and Astronautics vest that Committee with authority for:

"(a) Astronautical research and development, including resources, personnel equipment, and facilities, (b) Bureau of Standards, standardization of weights and measures, and the metric system, (c) National Aeronautics and Space administration, (d) National Aeronautics and Space Council, (e) National Science Foundation, (f) Outer space, including exploration and control thereof, (g) Science Scholarships, and (h) Scientific research and development."

H. Res. 112, which was passed by the House on 16 February 1965 also authorized the Committee as follows:

"...acting as a whole or by subcommittee,...to conduct full and complete studies and investigations...in or related to the fields of...outer space (including exploration and control thereof, and air and space law), and other scientific research and development (including international scientific cooperation) coming within the jurisdiction of such committee: Provided, That the committee shall not undertake any investigation of any subject which is being investigated by any other committee of the House."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The standing rules for the House Committee on Armed Services vest that Committee with jurisdiction in the following areas:

"...common defense generally, the Department of Defense generally...scientific research and development in support of the armed services...."

Further, the House passed H. Res. 118 on 16 February 1965 authorizing the Committee to conduct full and complete investigation and study of all matters as follows:

"(1) relating to the procurement, use, and disposition of material, equipment, supplies, and services, and the acquisition, use, and disposition of real property, by or within the Department of Defense; (2) relating to the military and civilian personnel under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense; (3) involving the laws, regulations, and directives administered by or within the Department of Defense; (4) involving the use of appropriated and non-appropriated funds by or within the Department of Defense; (5) relating to scientific research and development in support of the armed services; and (6) all other matters within the legislative jurisdiction conferred by law or the Rules of the House of Representatives upon the Committee on Armed Services."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Peter A. Gerardi, Technical Consultant,
House Committee on Science and Astronautics

1. On 13 July 1965 I met with Mr. Peter A. Gerardi, Technical Consultant, House Committee on Science and Astronautics, who had been identified to the Director by the Subcommittee Chairman, Congressman Olin E. Teague (D., Texas), as the staff member who would be conducting a staff study on the space efforts of foreign countries. Chairman Teague requested that an Agency official be identified to consult and collaborate with Mr. Gerardi on this study.

2. To assure that the Agency's response to Chairman Teague was timely and to feel out Mr. Gerardi on what exactly he had in mind in the all-encompassing and sensitive area he had charted out for himself, I delivered the attached Agency response and used it as an opportunity to discuss the matter with him.

3. Mr. Gerardi is a new member of the Committee staff and served for some seven years in the Executive branch with his last assignment being listed as Director of the Weapons Systems Negotiations, Office of the Secretary of Defense. He has a TOP SECRET clearance. Mr. Gerardi explained that the Committee had gone through the process of identifying areas which would probably be fruitful for Committee consideration. In connection with this, Mr. Gerardi wrote out a project study which has been approved as a priority effort, the logical framework of which is as follows:

(a) Members of the Committee know pitifully little about foreign space efforts and need to know this area if they are to be well informed on the subject. To date, too much reliance is being put on the publication Missiles and Rockets.

(b) What other countries are doing necessarily has an impact on what we are and should be doing.

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(c) There are certain areas where cooperation with foreign countries (regional space programs) can be accomplished and a question is raised whether we are doing enough in these areas.

The instant requirement is to gather information to fill out the bones of a staff study which, if justified, may lead to hearings in the Second Session of the 89th Congress.

4. Personal Evaluation. Mr. Gerardi strikes me as a dynamic individual doing everything within his power to assure that he establishes a firm niche for himself in the Committee. Eventually, he sees himself as the focal point for international space affairs in the Committee or beyond. He appears to want to know all we know about the space efforts of foreign countries, both friendly and unfriendly, and has analyzed his study as falling into two categories--classified and unclassified. He is not interested in meeting with people and spending a lot of time in talk. He is interested in collecting information. I am sure he realizes that a great deal of our information would be extremely sensitive, but I am unable to evaluate whether he would agree that that fact alone would be valid grounds for withholding relevant information from him. In this connection, he made reference to the fact that the Committee had secure facilities for protecting classified information.

5. I made no commitment as to what we could provide; but Mr. Gerardi understood that I was merely acting as a contact man from the Office of Legislative Counsel, who would report the substance of our meeting back to the officials concerned.

6. It should be noted that Mr. Gerardi said he was led to the Agency at the suggestion of Mr. Robert Packard, Department of State, who said that OSI and OCI in the Agency had the type of information in which he was interested.



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